

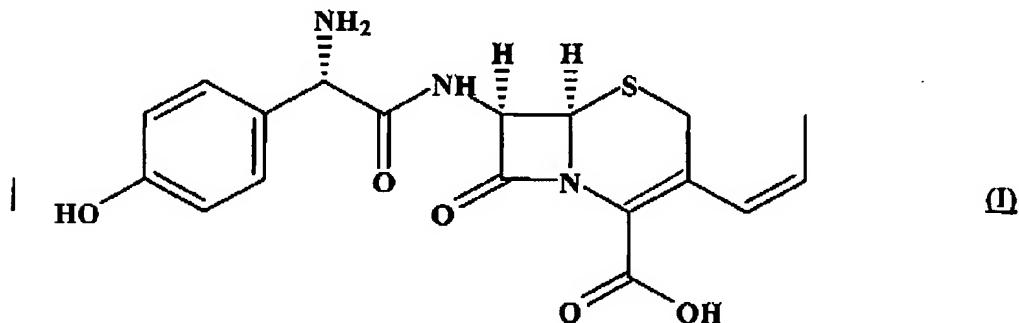
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**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

**Improved process for preparation of 7-[ $\alpha$ -amino (4-hydroxyphenyl) acetamido]-3-substituted-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid**

A process for preparation of 7-[D- $\alpha$ -amino- $\alpha$ -(4-hydroxyphenyl) acetamido]-3-(1-propen-1-yl)-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid viz. Cefprozil of formula (I) [[igh]] in high purity, substantially free of impurities,



which comprises preparation of mixed acid anhydride by selecting the sequence and temperature of addition of the reagents and its subsequent condensation with a protected 7-APCA; followed by hydrolysis, isolation and purification to give Cefprozil of formula (I) in the form of a monohydrate.